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Docket No.: 51362USA5B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

GREGORY YUSCHAK ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/030,394

Filed: March 25, 1998

For: RESPIRATOR HAVING
SNAP-FIT FILTER CARTRIDGE

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: A. Lewis

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 1999, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 23, line 15, after "outward" insert and wherein the filter cartridge is further capable of being readily separated from the face piece by pulling manually thereon

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courteous interview that was held on October 21, 1999.

Claims 1-13 and 15-18 have been rejected. Claim 14 has been conditionally allowed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection. The basis for this request is that the Tayebi U.S. Patent No. 4,856,508 relied upon in all of the rejections does not either anticipate or make the obvious the finally rejected claims for the reasons noted in the following paragraphs.

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